

Accordingly, in a case that there is a telephone call from the outside during receiving a program of the Internet radio, for example, the function as an Internet radio receiver is disabled once, and the function as an IP telephone has to be activated instead of this. Meanwhile, there is a so-called pay radio program needing a charge for listening to the program of the Internet radio. Thus, when there is a telephone call during receiving the pay program, the reception of the program is interrupted, causing a problem of a waste of money.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, it is a primary object of the present invention to provide a novel contents reproducing apparatus with telephone function.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a contents reproducing apparatus capable of reproducing a pay content with no economic waste.

The present invention is a contents reproducing apparatus having a contents receiving function and a telephone function, comprises: a call detecting means for detecting reception of a calling instruction of a telephone; a first determining means for determining whether or not a pay content is being received now when the call detecting means detects the reception of the calling instruction; a mode switching means for switching to a telephone mode when it is determined that the pay content is not being received by the first determining means; and a disabling means for disabling a mode switch of the mode switching means when it is determined that the pay content is being received by the first determining means.

In the present invention, when there is an incoming from the opponent party, the mode switching means switches to the telephone mode in response thereto. It is noted that the mode switch by the mode switching means is disabled by the disabling means

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during receiving the pay content. That is, during receiving the pay content, even if there is a telephone call from the opponent party, an incoming signal is not output.

5 In one embodiment of the present invention, when there is an incoming from the opponent party during receiving the pay content, a returning means returns a busy signal to the opponent party in response thereto.

10 In another embodiment of the present invention, when there is an incoming from the opponent party during receiving the pay content, a send-back means sends a record guide message back to the opponent party in response thereto. Then, telephone speech in response to the record guide message from the opponent party is recorded by a recording means.

In the other embodiment of the present invention, the pay content is received by a receiving means. Then, the pay content received by the receiving means is reproduced in real time by the reproducing means.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Amended) A contents reproducing apparatus having a contents receiving function and a telephone function, comprising:

5 a call detecting means for detecting reception of a calling instruction of a telephone;

a first determining means for determining whether or not a pay content is being received now when said call detecting means detects the reception of said calling instruction;

10 a mode switching means for switching to a telephone mode when it is determined that said pay content is not being received by said first determining means; and

a disabling means for disabling a mode switch by said mode switching means when it is determined that said pay content is being received by said first determining means.

15 2. (Amended) A contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said disabling means includes a busy processing means to execute a busy process for informing an opponent party of being under communication when it is determined that said pay content is being received by said first determining means.

20 3. (Amended) A contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said answering telephone processing means includes a returning means for returning a record guide message to the opponent party, and a recording means for recording a sending speech of said opponent party in response to said record guide message.

4. (Amended) A contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, 2, 3, 5 or 6 further comprising a reproducing means for reproducing in a real time manner the pay content being received.

25 5. (Added) A contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

said disabling means includes a second determining means for determining whether or not an answering telephone function is set when it is determined that said pay content is being received by said first determining means, and a answering telephone processing means for executing an answering telephone process when it is determined that said
5 answering telephone function is set by said second determining means.

6. (Added) A contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 3 or 5, wherein said disabling means includes an uncommunicable means for executing an uncommunicable process to inform the opponent party of being in an uncommunicable state when it is determined that said answering telephone function is not set by said
10 second determining means.

7. (Added) A contents reproducing apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said pay content receiving function is an Internet radio receiving function, and said telephone function is an IP telephone function.

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